Promise Land Home Coming Sunday

The annual Homecoming service will be held at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday at 11 A.M. The special guest for the day will be the Rev. Paul Brown and his choirs of the St. Thomas Memorial Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. The general public is cordially invited to attend. The revival will begin Monday evening at 7:30. The Rev. Roger Ford, pastor of the Mount Siani Baptist Church of Amherst, Va. will be the guest speaker.

An overflow crowd of members, relatives and friends attended the homecoming services at the Springfield Baptist Church last Sunday at 11 a.m. The pastor of the church delivered the morning message and the Rev. Ford delivered the afternoon message and music was rendered by his senior choir. Dinner was served in the church facilities. The offering for the day was very good. Services are being conducted thru the week.

A successful session of the first unified meeting of the allied bodies of the Cornerstone Baptist Association held at the Hills Creek Baptist Church, Gladys, Va., last Wednesday thru Friday. The moderator, Rev. James McLaughlin was very happy to report that the results were very encouraging. A grand total of over $2000.00 was reported. The next annual meeting will be held with the Bethany Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Va.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the wedding of Miss Ellen Dolores Snell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Snell of Evergreen, Va. and Mr. Raymond Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ferguson of Lynchburg, Va. last Saturdy at 1 P.M. at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church The pastor of the church, Rev. K. W. Davis, performed the double ring ceremony.

News was received here Monday of the sudden death of Mrs. Thelma Jackson of Baltimore who attended the annual homecoming services at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last week. Mrs. Jackson, the sister-in-law of deacon and Mrs. Calvin Elliott of Mount Shiloh. The family has the sympathy of the church and the community.

Successful homecoming services were reported at the Mount Zion Baptist of Stonewall and the Pilot Mountain Baptist Church of oncord, Va. last Sunday.

The Rev. J. W. Paige is conducting revival at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Cumberland, Va. this week.

Local churches are asked to take an active part in the county wide contest sponsored by the local branch of the NAACP

JORDAN

Baptizing will be held Sunday morning. Everyone is asked to meet at Jordan Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. to go to the water.

Preaching service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Everyone who has signed up to go with Rev. Elliott to Washington on the 3rd Sunday in September is asked to have their money in by the 4th Sunday. The deadline is the 1st Sunday.

The Senior Choir is to go to Mt. Zion, Lynchburg, Va. on Tuesday night at 7:30 P.M.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Off and running, as schools reopen. I do not remember a time when I was not happy about going to school. First few days of a new school year are special. New kids in the class and new teachers and lots of catching up on what happened during the summer. Getting new assignments, books, plans for the clubs, and a check on sports prospects. Everybody out for the first home game. 'Twill take a week or more to settle down to the serious business of studies. There is a difference in the home, too. Especially when your pride and joy is in school for the first time. Tee off time for the Class of '78...Let's make it great for '78.

Think it was Lord Alfred Tennyson who wrote:

"For I dipp'd into the Future,
Far as the human
eyes could see...
Saw the vision of he world
And all the wonder
that would be."

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Times of excitement. Little Susie sat silently at the dinner table, while the others chattered. A din on talk and laughter. Finally, Susie brought out a whistle and blew it loud and clear. Complete silence. Very sweetly, Little Susie murmured "Someone pass the biscuits, please."

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Holiday week-end coming up. Labor Day next Monday. Everyone is depending on YOU to make it SAFE.

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As a sort of Senior citizen, I have found the world to be a much better place than one would think from all the scare headlines and newscasts. If you do not hear any good news, go out and make some.

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So dry this year, I had lots of seed left over did not plant. Understand that it will be good next year. Meanwhile, about time to start putting out bulbs and got a catalog listing new offerings of flower bulbs, how to plant, etc. When I get such a catalog I go through first and check off what would like to order. Then I add it up and it is too much, so keep whittling away until finally decide to wait and see what I can get locally.

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Recently I have been running lists of local doctors and lawyers, past and present. Each time, I asked to be reminded of any one left off the list. I find that the list of lawyers left off the name of my friend, the late William W. Burke. How about a list of doctors who were not physicians or dentists. Educators like Dr. James H. Franklin, Dr. H. C. Babcock, Dr. Scott Sears, Dr. Merwyn Williamson, Dr. Frank Hanenkrat. The making of "lists" is a popular item and a best-selling book is "The Book of Lists."

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A verse of No. 88 (Bring Them In). Just received a foot-long cucumber and a basket of plums. From my own lot, a few figs, crepe myrtle and zinnias, including a green zinnia appropriately named Envy.

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The Virginia State Fair runs Sept. 22 to Oct. 2. Advance publicity tells of plans to have 1,000 horses on exhibit this time around. I have not attended for some years, but last time saw a thrilling steeplechase race. Always lots to see at a state fair. Know of at least one local person who went to the West Virginia state fair recently.

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From Gurney's Garden Magazine: Tomorrow is always the busiest day of the year....

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Comment of a football fan...Would that all "over the hill" folks did as well as the veteran players on the Washington Redskins.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Area Teachers Visit NEA, VEA

Thirty educators from Central Virginia have just returned from the third annual CenVa-Serv Workshop on Wheels to the headquarters of the National & Virginia Education Associations (NEA and VEA). The group consisted of leadership from the local affiliates of NEA and VEA: the Lynchburg Education Association, the Amherst Education Association the Appomattox County Education Association, the Bedford County Education Association, and the Campbell County Education Association. They went by bus to Washington and Richmond on August 15 and 16.

In Washington, the group was welcomed by NEA Vice-President Willard McGuire. Mr. McGuire spoke about some of the activities of NEA, including his recent trip to the annual World Conference of Organizations of the Teaching Profession, held this year in Nigeria. He also answered questions about NEA.

Jim Boswell told the group about membership total, about 1.7 million. He was followed by Lois Karasik, Professional Associate in the area of Instruction and Professional Development, who spoke about the programs NEA is currently conducting in efforts to identify problems, to monitor current legislation in the area, and to improve instruction.

P. J. Johnson described the program of the Teacher Rights Division. Lance Lujan discussed the Government Relations Division. The Director of the Division of Special Services, Arleigh Greenblat, provided information on the numerous group discounts available through membership. The session at NEA concluded with a question and answer period.

The second day of the trip was spent at the Virginia Education Association (VEA) office in Richmond. Reggis Smith, VEA Director of Leadership Training, hosted the session. Virginia Dalton, VEA Director of Instruction; Ed Boggs,Director of Professional Rights & Responsibilities; Dick Pulley, Director of Government Relations; and David Johnson, VEA Executive Secretary, addressed the group The group also toured the VEA building before returning to

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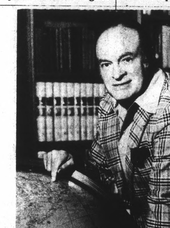
School Board To Meet Sept. 7

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Wednesday, September 7, 1977 at 7 p.m.

Items on the agenda are as follows: approval of bid on renovation project at Appomattox Middle School; approval of 1977-78 schedule of athletic activities for AMS and ACHS; appointment of persons to Appomattox County Library Advisory Committee; report on student enrollment and other activities related to the beginning of the school session; report on progress of replacing heating system at Appomattox Primary School; review of organizational plans and procedures for 1977-78 session, 1 - Central Planning Committee, 2 - committee to study School Board Policies and to make recommendations for revisions, and 3 - committee to review teacher evaluation handbook and to recommend revisions; review of programs and activities to improve learning opportunities for students; and financial report.



BOB HOPE

To Appear In Show To Benefit Virginia Baptist Hospital

Bob Hope, legendary comedian and film star, will appear in a variety show in Lynchburg September 14 for the benefit of Virginia Baptist Hospital's Multi-Purpose Building Fund.

Hope will also play an exhibition round in the Pro-Am of the 50th Annual Virginia PGA to be held September 14. The hospital's building fund will be the principal recipient of the net proceeds of the PGA Open, which is being held September 15-18.

Arrangements for Bob Hope to come to Lynchburg were made by Tom Mabe, hospital director of development. Hope's visit and the PGA will be financially sponsored by Fidelity American Bank. The PGA is being run by the Timbrook Jaycees.

The benefit show, which will be held at E. C. Glass High School auditorium at 8:30 P.M., will be a two-hour show with Hope performing for 55 minutes. Local talent for the show will consist of Freddie Lee, well-known orchestra leader from Roanoke, who will assemble a 14-piece orchestra to back up Bob Hope and his female vocalist. Lee recently played for Red Skelton at the Homestead and has played with Bob Hope before.

The E. C. Glass Stage band the "Touch of Glass" singers will also participate in the show. Debbie Whorley, teacher at one of the local high schools, who has performed previously with Bob Hope, will sing with him in this show as well as do a number in the local segment. Mrs. Whorley is a former Miss Virginia.

Tickets are offered as a tax-deductible donation to the hospital's building fund. tickets are available directly from the hospital's development for $50, $25, $12.50. The number of $12.50 seats still available is very limited.

The date for Hope's visit was chosen to coincide with the Pro-Am. Other well-known figures and professional golfers will be playing also in this tournament. The PGA is a major event during the Kaleidoscope Festival to be held September 16-25.

Tickets for the Pro-Am exhibiton round and the PGA Open are available at all branches of the Fidelity American Bank, the pro shop at Ivy Hill and from Timbrook Jaycees.

OFFICIAL VOTING INFORMATION ANNOUNCED

The Constitution of Virginia requires that you be registered in the precinct in which you live in order to be qualified to vote.

In order to be eligible to vote in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 1977 you must register no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 1977.

According to an announcement from Mrs. Emma Lemon, the Registration Office of Appomattox County, located in the Treasurer's Office Building on Court Street, will be open for registration on Saturday, October 8, 1977 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the purpose of registering qualified persons.

You are further notified that the Registrar will be in her office on Saturday, October 29, 1977 and on Saturday, November 5, 1977 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. mainly for the purpose of accepting applications for absentee ballots. November 5, 1977 is the last day on which such applications for absentee ballots may be made in person by qualified applicants for this General Election.

Normal opening days for the Registrar's Office are Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., however on October 6, 1977 and on October 13, 1977, the Registrar will be in her office from 1 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for the convenience of qualified persons.

Post Offices To Observe Holiday

The Appomattox Post Office and the Pamplin Post Office will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

There will be no window service and no rural delivery on Monday.

React Will Hold Labor Day Weekend Safety Break

The Central Virginia React Team will have its Labor Day weekend safety break beginning Friday, September 2, 1977 at 6 p.m.

They will set up between the two traffic lights on Route 460 at the Dixie Blend Service Station and will be on hand until Monday evening at 6 p.m. serving FREE Coca Cola, coffee and fresh donuts. All travelers are invited to stop to take a break, rest, and make this a safe holiday weekend.

Friends and local people are also invited to stop by and support the local react team and to have a cup of coffee, coke and donut.

Drive carefully, stay more alert, visit the locally sponsored "safety break" and have a happy holiday.

Local Banks To Observe Holiday

American Federal Savings & Loan Association; Farmers National Bank; Fidelity American Bank; and the First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin Branch will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

All local banks will open for business as usual on Tuesday of next week.

Support ACHS Athletic Booster Club

Booster club members will be signing up new members for the 1977-78 season at the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center this weekend.

Won't you please help support the sports program for the young people in Appomattox County.

Contact any present member and become a Sports Booster Club member now.

Public Schools Opened Monday

Students "getting off" public school buses at Appomattox Primary School Monday morning indicated the beginning of the first day of school for the 1977-78 school session.

2770 Students Enrolled

Appomattox County Public Schools opened here Monday, August 29, with an enrollment of 2770 students. The enrollment is expected to increase to 2825 by the end of this week.

First day enrollment by schools was as follows: Pamplin Elementary School, 163; Appomattox Primary School, 541; Appomattox Elementary School, 717; Appomattox Middle School, 484; and Appomattox County High School, 865.

Lloyd G. Walton, Division Superintendent, reported that the school system experienced an orderly and effective opening. "This was due," he said, "to the planning and preparation made during the summer months and the cooperative efforts of all school employees, parents and students during the first days of the session."

"On behalf of the School Board, we express our appreciatin to parents, all school employees and students for your interest and assistance," he said.

With your continued help, support and involvement, our students will have effective learning experiences during the 1977-78 session, Walton concluded.

Concord Responds To 45 Calls

The month of July, 1977, the Concord Rescue Squad, Concord responded to a total of 45 calls resulting in the expenditure of 141 manhours and utilizing the emergency vehicles for a total of 1,767 miles. This represents a considerable reduction in calls as well as manhours for the same month during 1976. During 1976 we responded to 62 calls with 180 manhours.

Calls were as follows: Transports, 2; Child Birth, 3; Overdose, 1; Standby, 2; Auto Accidents, 4; Electrical Shock, 1; Smoke Inhalation, 1; Drowning, 1; Abdominal Pain, 4; Knife Wounds, 2; Difficulty Breathing, 6; Heart Attacks, 4; Other 13; Dog Bite, 1; Assisting other squads, 1; making a total of 45 calls.

LOCAL BEAUTICIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JERRY LEWIS TELETHON

A number of Appomattox County beauticians will be participating in the Labor Day weekend Jerry Lewis Telethon.

Beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday night, area beauticians will be located at Barbara's Shoppe on Main Street and will be cutting hair for the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon with all proceeds going for the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

No appointment is necessary, come on by, for your hair cut...the beauticians will be at Barbara's Shoppe all night if necessary, they want to help so should you!

Comprehensive Planning For Town an And County Has Begun

Beginning stages of comprehensive planning for Appomattox County and Town have begun, according to Bill Britton, town manager.

The purpose of a comprehensive plan is to provide general guidance for long-range development in the area. Britton emphasized that the plan does not set zoning laws. It does not necessarily reflect a growth situation. It is a statement of what the area wants with suggested courses of action for achieving desired goals.

Virginia law requires that all local government prepare a comprehensive plan by 1980 as a local development tool. The content of the plan is determined by local needs, not by any state requirements.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, vice-chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, explained the necessity of the comprehensive plan.

"If we prepare the plan ourselves we can determine the content according to our own community's interests. If we don't prepare it by 1980 as state law requires, the state will have it prepared and we will have no control over what it contains."

Britton explained that the plan will be developed around goals and objectives of the community. Citizens must provide information on what type of development the community wants. Public meetings will be scheduled to encourage citizen participation.

The comprehensive plan does not set any laws or provide for implementation by itself. Public action suggested by the plan could include the development of various regulations such as zoning and subdividion ordinances, building and housing codes and capital improvements programming.

Private action suggested by the plan could include methods of private land development in accordance with community policies designed to benefit individuals and the community as a whole.

Britton noted that the value of the plan depends directly on citizens understanding and participating in its development.

It must effectively coordinate public and private interests, and it will be used in the public and private decision-making process. Also, it must be updated periodically to reflect changing conditions and new information.

In July the Central Virginia Planning District Commission accepted contracts with the Division of Intergovernmental Affairs for $15,000 and Appomattox County and Town for $7,800 for preparation of the plan.

The first phase of the comprehensive planning process will consist of a study of existing conditions in Appo-

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Lawson Ford Announces PP&K Registration

Registration for the 1977 Punt, Pass & Kick competition opened Friday, August 19, in the showroom at Lawson Ford, Inc.

In making the announcement Dick Bland, General Manager of the dealership, said, "We're looking forward to a big local PP&K competition in Appomattox. We hope all the youngsters 8 through 13 years of age in this area will come in to register and take part."

Bland pointed out that PP&K – throughout its six levels of competition – is free of any charge, and that youngsters need only to have a parent or guardian accompany them to the showroom to register.

"Our competition here will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for contestants in each of the six age groups, or 18 trophies in all," he said. "Increasing each entrant's chances of winning is the fact that youngsters compete only against others in their own age group," said the Ford Dealer.

"Of course, there is no body contact in PP&K. It's punting, passing and place-kicking for distance and accuracy points, just as the name says. First place winners in each age group in our competition will go on to the Zone competition. And from there, top winners go on up the ladder through District, Area, Division and National finals," he said.

This year the National Finals will be held at Super Bowl XII in New Orleans on January 15, 1978. We hope some of our Appomatox PP&K winners will make it all the way to the Finals, Bland added.

The Ford Dealer further explained that each entrant, upon registering, receives a free PP&K Tips Book. In the 1977 edition there are competition tips by NFL stars Marv Bateman, Ken Stabler, and Toni Linhart. The Tips Book also includes complete PP&K rules and helpful conditioning exercises for contestants.

PP&K registrations will close at Lawson Ford on September 30 - competition will be held October 1, 1977.

This is the 17th anniversary year of PP&K. From its inception the youth activity has been sponsored by the Ford Dealers of America in cooperation with the National Football League. In that time, more than 14 million youngsters have taken part in PP&K, making it one of the largest youth activities.

County Officials Attend Conference

Monte Mays, Commissioner of Revenue; Ida H. Campbell, Treasurer of Appomattox County; Barbara R. Williams, Clerk of the Circuit Court; Bill Britton, Appomattox Town Manager; Ronnie Spiggle, member of Appomattox Town Council; Gene Richardson, Sheriff; and Dallas Moore, Deputy Sheriff attended a local Government Officials' Conference at the University of Virginia August 21st through August 23rd.

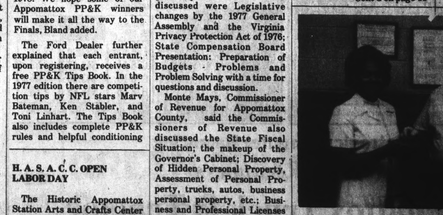
The opening session for all officials began at 10 a.m. in the Newcomb Hall Ballroom.

A joint meeting for Commissioners of Revenue and Treasurers began at 11 a.m. with William H. Frost, State Tax Commissioner, Virginia Department of Taxation, as guest speaker. Other items discussed were Legislative changes by the 1977 General Assembly and the Virginia Privacy Protection Act of 1976; State Compensation Board Presentation: Preparation of Budgets - Problems and Problem Solving with a time for questions and discussion.

Monte Mays, Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County, said the Commissioners of Revenue also discussed the State Fiscal Situation; the makeup of the Governor's Cabinet; Discovery of Hidden Personal Property, Assessment of Personal Property, trucks, autos, business personal property, etc.; Business and Professional Licenses and Miscellaneous Taxes; Land Use; and most important, Real Estate Tax Relief For The Elderly: Legal Aspects, Ownership, Life Estates, Etc.

H. A. S. A. C. C. OPEN LABOR DAY

The Historic Appomattox Station Arts and Crafts Center will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th in addition to its regular hours Tuesday through Sunday of that week.



MR. RAYMOND F. [Red] JAMERSON, Clerk at the Appomattox Post Office, retired Friday, August 26th after thirty-one years of service. He is seen in photo taken Friday turning over his keys to Mrs. Ora S. McCoy, Postmaster of Appomattox.